



Freedom Park Committee
Members

Randy Hall
Chairperson
Freedom Park Board

Harold Mussman
West Creek Township
Executive Secretary
Freedom Park Board

LeAnn Angerman
Freedom Park Board
Lowell Town Council

Alice Dahl
Cedar Creek Township
Freedom Park Board

Tom Sullivan
Park Superintendent

FREEDOM PARK

Freedom Park Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2016
6:00p.m.

Call to Order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Board Members Present:
Committee Members Randy Hall, Harold Mussman, LeAnn Angerman and Alice Dahl. Also present, Council Member Will Farrellbegg and Town Manager Jeff Sheridan. Park Superintendent Tom Sullivan was also present along with Secretary Candy Johnson.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion to approve the July 19, 2016 Freedom Park Minutes was made by LeAnn Angerman and seconded by Harold Mussman. Motion carried 4/0

Review Freedom Park Claims:
After review, motion to approve the Freedom Park claims was made by Randy Hall and seconded by Alice Dahl. Motion carried 4/0

Freedom Park Updates:
Superintendent Sullivan reported that the Local Rotary Club has graciously volunteered to donate the funds to purchase new entrance signs for Freedom Park. Mitch Zakula is working on the signs as we speak.
We have a young man who has requested to complete an Eagle Scout project for Freedom Park. He has proposed to build a wood bridge near the culvert on the north side of Freedom Park near the roadway. He still has to present his project plan to the to the Scouts governing board, however once approved, he plans to begin this project.
In other business, Tom reported that there has been an ongoing problem with regard to bikes in the skate park. Other Communities have experienced the same problem and have chosen to resolve this issue by permitting bikes in their parks. Tom did report that most skate parks in the area are "manned" and of course, our skate park is not. The bikers come into the office on a regular basis asking to enter the skate park with their bikes. The boys were told that they need to attend a Freedom Park Committee meeting and present their request to the Freedom Park Committee. Tom had anticipated that a group of bikers would attend tonight's meeting, however, no one is present. This is a busy time of the year with classes beginning this week. Tom advised he is sure this will need to be addressed in the future.

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Tom reported that the water from the recent "rain event" is going down nicely throughout Freedom Park. LeAnn Angerman asked how much rain we actually received here in Town. Jeff Sheridan reported the Town has Two (2) rain gauges. One gauge reported 5.2 inches and the other 5.7 inches.
In other business, Tom reported that all our equipment is in good repair.
This completed update discussion.

Old Business:

Bark Park updates:

Candy Johnson reported that there are currently 82 bark park members and total revenue of \$3915.00. Randy Hall asked if people are taking advantage of the mid-year bark park discount. People are taking advantage of these discounted prices. There was no other discussion.

Walking Path:

Tom reported that he has been in contact with a representative from Ziese & Sons. Tom said that he seems "all in" to complete the path project and advised that he would stop by to speak with Tom; however he has not done so yet. Tom advised that he would keep the Committee posted about this project.
There were no other updates.

New Business:

LeAnn Angerman advised that she has spoken with Judy Walters recently. Judy advised that there is \$6,000.00 in the Freedom Park Improvement budget line that has not been spent. She is asking if we intend to utilize these funds in 2016, or should the funds be forwarded into the 2017 Freedom Park budget. Discussion followed. LeAnn advised that the committee would need to make a decision with regard to these funds no later than our September meeting. Discussion followed. The decision was made that once we have had contact with Ziese and Sons, and know if he is able to complete the walking path in 2016, we can make a decision about those Park Improvement funds.
A brief discussion followed.

Announcement & Correspondence:
None

The next meeting of the Freedom Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Lowell Town Hall.

Public Comment:
None

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Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn made by Harold Mussman and seconded by
Alice Dahl at 6:17p.m. Motion to adjourn carried 4/0